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1. On 8 June 1949 the Moscow government issued an order for the tightening of physical and ideological control over Soviet personnel in Germany. It is believed that only one copy of this order exists in Germany, and that it is the possession of General V. I. Chuikov, the Military Governor. The full text of the order has not been and probably will not be made known even to responsible SVA officials. However, three points of the order were divulged on 27 July at a conference of top military commanders and SVA department chiefs in Karlshorst; they are as follows:
  - a. Henceforth no Soviet citizen is to serve longer than three years outside the borders of the USSR.
  - b. One third of the total personnel of each Soviet unit on duty abroad is to be redeployed each year.
  - c. All unmarried Soviet personnel serving abroad will be required twice a year to return to Russia for six weeks' leave (excluding travel time). \*
2. On the basis of the new order and accompanying instructions, Chuikov issued a nine-point directive which was read to the officials attending the Karlshorst conference on 27 July. The preamble of the directive orders commanding officers to explain to their personnel the "fatherly anxiety manifested towards Soviet citizens on duty abroad" and to demand of them "strengthened Bolshevik activity and better preparedness". The nine points are the following:
  - a. Soviet officers are forbidden to wear civilian clothes at any time.
  - b. Military and civilian personnel are forbidden to move from the locality where they are assigned to any other town except by special order from their commanding officer.
  - c. Local commanders are ordered to retain any Soviet citizen found in their areas without special authorization. If the offender is a member of the Soviet Army, he is to be confined in the guardhouse, regardless of rank; civilian offenders are to be placed in a "preliminary imprisonment cell" (KPZ).

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- d. The sale of liquor in mess halls is to be discontinued.
- e. German restaurant owners are to be notified by the German police that they are forbidden to serve Soviet personnel, and that violation of this rule will result in fines and revocation of licences.
- f. German women entertaining Soviet citizens in their homes will be punished for prostitution, even in cases where a child has been born of the liaison.
- g. Visits to Berlin are permitted only by special order.
- h. A special stockade is to be set up in Berlin for Russian women caught dealing on the black market. These women will be sent back to the USSR within 24 hours after their arrest.
- i. Personal automobiles of Soviet citizens are to be placed in a common garage and released for the use of the owners only by special order of the commanding officer accompanied by a trip ticket.

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\* [redacted] Comment: This order is stated here as given in the original report; but it seems improbable that so much vacation time would be granted. Perhaps temporary duty is meant instead of leave.

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